

page 4 of the English text at lines 15-16 and 26 where the dosages administered are in mg – not g!

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to make clarifying revisions to the specification in accordance with U.S. practice. No narrowing of the claims scope is intended.

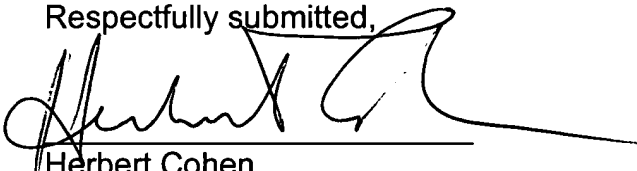
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **“Version with markings to show changes made.”**

In the event there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME COMISKY & MCCAULEY LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (000364.00124). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this report, Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

Paragraph beginning at line 19 of page 5 has been amended as follows:

After medication with sildenafil (50 mg/week, each in a single administration of the entire week's dosage), a lasting improvement of symptomatic pain was achieved in the course of the following three months. Objectifiable diagnostic data were improved as well.